Central Government's Assistance to Rajasthan Government to check AIDS

1773. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Microbiology, S.M.S. Medical College was the only functioning AIDS (HIV) Testing Centre in Rajasthan in the years 1990-91 and 1991-92;

(b) how much money was sanctioned as contingency for the "AIDS Surveillence Centre and Regional Blood Safety Centre" of the above mentioned college in the year 1990-91 details of the amount withdrawn and the purpose of sanctioning of contigency amount;

(c) whether any training programme undertaken by the Government during the last three years, if so, the details there of; and

(d) what is the total Central assistance given/utilized by this Government of Rajasthan in AIDS Centre?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) ICMR has sanctioned contigency grant of Rs. 10,000/- for the Surveillance Centre at the S.M.S. Medical College, Jaipur during 1990-91 for consumable etc

(c) S.M.S. College, Jaipur is an identified centre for the training of doctors and technicians working in the blood banks. They have started training programme during the last part of 1992-93 and have trained 2 doctors and 2 technicians. In addition, 30 doctors were also trained in clinical management.

(d) The total Central assistance provided to this Surveillance Centre so far is Rs. 2,30,000.

U.S. Aid to "Field Epidemiology Development Project" in U.P. and Rajasthan

1774. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any money was provided by U.S. Aid in 1989-90 and 1990-91 in U.S. dollars and Indian rupees for starting a Pilot Project on "Development of Field Epidemiology and Laboratory Support" in Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh;

(b) how much amount spent in the form equipment and training of Epidemiologists in U.S.A./India under this project (State-wise); and

(c) how many Laboratory personnel and Epidemiologists trained in U.S.A. and in India under this project; the details thereof (State-wise)?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The project "Field Epidemiology and Laboratory Support" was implemented from June, 1990 to March, 1992 in the States of Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh, through the National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Delhi. Under the project, equipment worth Rs. 14.01 lakhs was procured with USAID assistance and was equally distributed between the States of Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. In addition, equipment worth US$ 5,60,000 was procured from abroad which have been distributed amongst National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Delhi and the States of Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan. An amount of Rs. 1.82 lakhs was spent on training component in India apart from expenditure on training of 47 persons in USA.